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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE DRAFT FORMATS
FOR MC 224 CONFERENCE REFERRED TO REFTEL, WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT
EARLY MEETING MBFR WORKING GROUP. MISSION REQUESTS WASHINGTON COMMENT
.
THE DRAFT FORMATS THEMSELVES (APPENDIXES 2, 3, 4 AND
6) CANNOT BE TRANSMITTED INTELLIGIBLY BY CABLE, AND HAVE THEREFORE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MBFR WORKING GROUP

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1. AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY, 16 JULY, THE MBFR WORKING GROUP
INSTRUCTED THE STAFF GROUP TO DRAFT A QUESTIONNAIRE LISTING THE INFO-

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RMATION THAT NEEDS TO BE EXAMINED AND IF POSSIBLE ANSWERED DURING THE FORTHCOMING MC 224/74 INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE CONCERNING WARSAW PACT GROUND AND AIR FORCES. A QUESTIONNAIRE DESIGNED AS A SERIES OF FORMATS IS ATTACHED:

APPENDIX 1 - EXPLANATORY NOTES RELATING TO STANDARD FORMATE FOR THE DISPLAY OF WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES DATA.

APPENDIX 2 - WARSAW PACT GROUN FORCES DATA FOR MBFR AS AT MID 1974.

APPENDIX 3 - ANNEX A: MAJOR COMBAT UNITS (GROUND FORCES)

APPENDIX 4 - ANNEX B: NON-ORGANIC COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS (GRD FORCES

APPENDIX 5 - EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR USE WITH DRAFT FORMAT FOR THE DISPLAY OF WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES DATA BY COUNTRY.

APPENDIX 6 - WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES DATA FOR MBFR AS AT MID 1974.

2. THE DESIGN OF THESE FORMATS MAY BE ALTERED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MC 224 CONFERENCE AS A RESULT OF THEIR STUDIES. NONETHELESS, THE IMS INTELLIGENCE DIVISION WILL BE REQURESTED TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE AS FAR AS IS POSSIBLE THE FORMAT QUESTIONNAIRE WITH THE REQUIRED DATA.

3. THE DATA REQUESTED WILL BE USED FOR STUDIES RELATING TO MOBILIZATION, AIR CAPABILITY AND GROUND FORCES GENERALLY. CONSEQUENTLY THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA TO BE COVERED WILL INCLUDE:

A. FOR GROUND FORCES: ALL PACT COUNTRIES WITHIN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA, HUNGARY, THE 3 WESTER MILITARY DISTRICTS IN USSR.

B. FOR AIR FORCES: ALL PACT COUNTRIES WITHIN THE NTO GUIDELINES AREA, HUNGARY, AND IN THE USSR - THE 3 WESTERN MILITARY DISTRICTS, KIEV DISTRICT AND MOSCOW DISTRICT.

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4. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON ATTACHED QUESTIONNAIRE BY NOON MODAY, 29 JULY, 1974. THIS WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR REDRAFTING OF FORMATS IN TIME FOR WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION ON 30 JULY.

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APPENDIX 1

EXPLANATORY NOTES RELATING TO STANDARD FORMATS FOR THE DISPLAY OF WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES DATA

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1. GENERAL. THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATORY NOTES ARE PROVIDED FOR
THE EASE OF THE READER WHEN USING THE STANDARD FORMATS SHOWN AT
APPENDICES 2 THROUGH 4:

A. DATA FORMATS. DATA ON EACH WP COUNTRY WILL BE DISPLAYED,
WHERE APPROPRIATE, ON THREE STANDARD FORMATS:

(1) THE MAIN FORMAT PROVIDES TOTAL FIRURES OF PERSONNEL AND
EQUIPMENT AT ALL MAJOR HQS (ALL HQS SENIOR TO DIV HQS PLUS LOG,
COMM, AD HQS), MAJOR COMBAT UNITS (DIVS AND INDEPENDANT REGTS),
NON-ORGANIC COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS AND SERVICE SUPPORT FORMATIONS
(WHICH INCLUDE TRAINING UNITS NOT ORGANIC TO MAJOR COMBAT
UNITS) UNDER WP COMMAND AND ALSO FOR FORCES REMAINING UNDER
NATIONAL COMMAND. SHOWN ALSO IS THE TOTAL EQUIPMENT REMAINING
IN EACH COUNTRY NOT ACCOUNTED FOR IN ABOVE MENTIONED UNITS/FORMATIONS
.

(2) "ANNEX A: MAJOR COMBAT UNITS" PROVIDES DETAILED
INFORMATION ON PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT IN EACH DIVISION OR
INDEPENDENT BRIGATE. (BDES IN EACH DIV WILL ALSO BE SHOWN COMPLETE
WITH PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT.)

(3) "ANNEX B: NON-ORGANIC SUPPORT UNITS" GIVES A BREAKDOWN
OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT BY FUNCTIONAL TYPE OF COMBAT SUPPORT
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UNITS NON-ORGANIC TO MAJOR COMBAT UNITS.

B. COLUMN HEADINGS

(1) "AVAILABILITY". ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN GIVE THE
ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DAYS REQUIRED FOR EACH UNIT TO REACH THE STATE
OF COMBAT READINESS AT PEACETIME LOCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MC55/2
STANDARDS OF AVAILABILITY AND READINESS.

(2) "PEACETIME LOCATION" GIVES THE ACTUAL TOWN/AREA IN WHICH
UNITS ARE PRESENTLY LOCATED.

(3) "PERSONNEL"

(A) "WAR AUTHORIZED STRENGTH" - THE TOTAL PLANNED WAR
AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF THE UNIT AT END OF EACH YEAR.

(B) "ACTUAL STRENGTH" - THE TOTAL ESTIMATED ACTUAL
STRENGTH OF THE UNIT AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

(4) "MAIN BATTLE TANKS (MBTS)" - SHOWS THE TOTAL ESTIMATED
COMBINED NUMBER OF MEDIUM AND HEAVY TANKS USED AS TANKS.
OTHER MEDIUM TANKS USED WITH ARTILLERY AND ENGINEER UNITS WILL
BE SHOWN IN BRACKETS, E.G. 400(8).
TANK DESTROYERS ARE SHOWN AS ANTI-TANK WEAPONS.

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(5) "LIGHT TANKS AND RECCE VEHICLES" - GIVES THE ESTIMATED
NUMBER OF VEHICLES USED PREDOMINANTLY IN THE RECONNAISSANCE ROLE
WHICH HAVE A TURRET OR TOP MOUNTED GUN OF 20 MM OR GREATER CALIBRE.

(6) "APCS" AND "AIFVS" - GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF TRACKED
OR WHEELED ARMOURED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND ARMOURED FIGHTING
VEHICLES. CARRIERS
MOUNTING MORTARS OR ANTI-TANK WEAPONS ARE SHOWN AS PART OF THE
WEAPON SYSTEM CARRIED AND INCLUDED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE COLUMN
HEADING.

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(7) "ANTI-TANK WEAPONS" GIVES ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF UNMOUNTED
OR MOUNTED CREW OPERATED ANTI-TANK WEAPONS SYSTEMS:

(A) "GUNS 50 MM" - TOWED OR SELF-PROPELLED ANTI-TANK
GUNS OF 50 MM OR GREATER CALIBRE.

(B) "GUIDED SYSTEMS" - GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
ANTI-TANK GUIDED SYSTESMS COUNTED BY LAUNCHING SYSTEM. MOUNTED
SYSTEMS SUCH AS ON VEHICLES AND HELICOPTERS WILL BE SHOWN IN
THIS COLUMN. HAND HELD WEAPONS ARE EXCLUDED.

(8) "NUCLEAR CAPABILITY ROLE" - GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF
ARTILLERY GUNS THAT HAVE A DUAL-CAPABILITY ROLE (I.E.
NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL).

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(9) "OTHER - 100 MM" ARTILLERY - GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF FIELD ARTILLERY GUNS OVER 100 MM CALIBRE. 100 MM CAL. FIELD GUNS SHOULD BE COUNTED AS ANTI-TANK GUNS.

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(10) "AIR DEFENCE" - GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF:

(A) "GUNS (RADAR CONTROLLED)" - AIR DEFENCE ARTILLERY GUNS 20 MM OR GREATER CALIBRE WHICH ARE RADAR CONTROLLED.

(B) "SAM (CREW OPERATED)" - COUNTED BY CREW OPERATED LAUNCHING SYSTEMS, DEFENDING TARGETS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO THE GROUND FORCES. DIFFERENTIATION IS TO BE MADE BETWEEN HIGH AL-TITUDE AND LOW ALTITUDE INTERCEPTORS.

(11) "MORTARS - 80 MM" - GIVES ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF UNMOUNTED AND CARRIER/VEHICLE MOUNTED MORTARS OF 80 MM CALIBRE OR OVER.

(12) "LAUNCEHER SYSTEMS" - GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF:

(A) "SSMS":
(I) FROG)
(II)SCUD) COUNTED BY LAUNCHING SYSTEM
(III) SCALEBOARD)

(B) "MRLS" (MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNDHERS) COUNTED BY LAUNCHING SYSTEM.

(13) "RIVER CROSSING SYSTEMS FOR MBTS" GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF RIVER CROSSING SYSTEMS CAPABLE OF CARRYING MEDIUM TANKS EITHER ON FERRY, FLOATING BRIDGE OR OTHER RIVER CROSSING SYSTEM.

(14) "ARMY AVIATION" - GIVES ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF AIRCRAFT OPERATED BY THE GROUND FORCES:

(A) "FIXED WING AIRCRAFT" - FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OPERATED BY GROUND FORCE PERONNEL.

(B) "HELICOPTERS" - THESE ARE SHOWN AS EITHER "ATTACK ROLE" HELICOPTERS OR "ADM/RECCE ROLE" HELICOPTERS.

APPENDIX 2, 3 AND 4 BEING AIRPOUCHED.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR USE WITH DRAFT FORMAT FOR THE DISPLAY OF WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES DATA BY COUNTRY

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SECTION A. AIRMANPOWER STRENGTHS

1. TOTAL AIR FORCE MANPOWER (SERIAL 1). GIVES THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF ESTIMATED ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL SERVING IN THE AIR FORCE AS AT MID 1974, INCLUDING ALL PERSONNEL SERVING IN NATIONAL AIR DEFENCE UNITS WHICH SUPPORT THE AIR FORCE AS WELL AS AIR FORCE PERSONNE IN AIR DEFENCE UNITS WHICH SUPPORT GROUND FORCES SUCH AS IN GDR.

2. TOTAL AIR FORCE MANPOWER UNDER WP OR NATIONAL COMMAND (SERIALS 2 AND 3)

THIS IS SELF-EXPLANATORY.

SECTION B. DETAILED DATA ON AIR FORCES

3. TYPES OF UNIT (COLUMN B).

A. MAJOR HQS (SERIAL 4) GIVES THE ESTIMATED TOTAL STRENGTH OF ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN ALL HEADQUARTERS SERIOR TO A WING OR EQUIVALENT AS WELL AS AIR TRAINING HQS, AIR LOGISTIC HQS, AIR DEFENCE HQS AND INCLUDING AIR PERSONNEL SERVING WITH SUPPORT UNITS DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THESE HQS.

B. AIR COMBAT UNITS (SERIAL 5) INCLUDES ALL AIR COMBAT UNITS (AIR DEFENCE, ATTACK/BOMBER, INCLUDING NUCLAAR/CONVENTIONAL ROLE AIRCRAFT AND RECONNAISSANCE TYPE AIRCRAFT AND TRAINING AIRCRAFT LOCATED ON COMBAT BASES), TOGETHER WITH AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN UNIT HQS AND IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE UNITS. ATTACK HELICOPTER UNITS WILL BE SHOWN UNDER THE APPROPRIATE HEADING.

C. NON-COMBAT AIRCRAFT UNITS (SERIAL 6) INCLUDES ALL AIR FORCE MANNED NON-COMBAT AIRCRAFT UNITS BROKEN DOWN INTO TWO CATEGORIES - FIXED WING (TRANSPORTS, TANKERS, SAR, RECCE) AND HELICOPTERS. AIR FORCE PERSONNEL SERVING IN UNIT HQS AND IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF UNITS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN UNIT COUNT.

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D. GROUND ELEMENTS OF AIR DEFENCE UNITS (SERIAL 7) INCLUDES ALL AIR FORCE MANNED GROUND ELEMENTS OF AD TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER GROUND ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL AIR DEFENCE COMMAND WHICH ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE AIR FORCE. THE DATA GIVEN IS BROKEN DOWN INTO SAM UNITS, AAA UNITS AND SUPPORT UNITS (HQS, RADAR, GCJ, EW, ADM, LOG, TRAINING UNIT ON SAME BASE).

E. SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE (SSM) UNITS (SERIAL 8) GIVES ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AIR FORCE MANNED SSM UNITS TOGETHER WITH AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF UNITS.

F. TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS (SERIAL 9) GIVES ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AIR FORCE TRAINING CENTRES.

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G. REAR SERVICES (SERIAL 10) GIVES ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AIR FORCE UNITS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL MATTERS (MEDICAL, DENTAL, FINANCE, TRANSPORT, CONSTRUCTION, ACCOMMODATION, FOOD SERVICES, SUPPLY, MAINTENANCE, PROVOST, POSTAL). UNITS TO
BE COUNTED EXCLUDE THOSE PREVIOUSLY COUNTED AS BEING DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH UNITS SHOWN IN SERIALS 4 THROUGH 9 AND IN SERIAL II.

H. OTHER UNITS (SERIAL II) INCLUDES ALL REMAINING AIR FORCE UNITS NOT REPORTED IN PREVIOUS SERIALS.

J. PREPOSITIONED EQUIPMENT AND RESERVE AIRCRAFT AND WEAPON SYSTEMS (SERIAL 12) GIVES ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT AND WEAPON SYSTEMS BY TYPE AND ROLE, E.G. 30 X AWX FISHBED JK, WHICH ARE PREPOSITIONED IN NGA AND/OR IN RESERVE.

4. COLUMN HEADINGS

A. NUMBER OF UNITS BY ROLE AND TYPE - COLUMN (C): GIVES THE ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS BY ROLE AND TYPE (E.G. 3 X SQNS AWX FISHBED JK).

B. AVAILABILITY - COLUMN (D): GIVES THE AVAIABILITY STATE OF UNITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MC 55/2 (STATES OF READINESS AND AVAIL-ABILITY).

C. LOCATION - COLUMN (E): GIVES THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH
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UNITS ARE LOCATED OR, IF LOCATED IN USSR, GIVES THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT.

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D. WAR AUTHORIZED STRENGTH - COLUMN (F): GIVES TOTAL PLANNED WAR AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE PERSONNEL STRENGTH OF UNIT AS AT MID 1974.

E. ACTUAL STRENGTH - COLUMN (G): GIVES THE ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL IN UNITS.

F. OPERATIONALLY AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT

(1) COMBAT AIRCRAFT - COLUMN (H): GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF COMBAT AIRCRAFT (BY TYPES AND ROLES) IN REGIMENTAL AND ADVANCED TRAINING ESTABLISHMENTS UNITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONAL USE.

(2) TRAINING AIRCRAFT - COLUMN (J): GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF TRAINER VERSIONS OF COMBAT AIRCRAFT IN COMBAT UNITS AND/OR ADVANCED TRAINING UNITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONAL USE.
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(3) ATTACK HELICOPTERS - COLUMN (K): GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF HELICOPTERS IN ATTACK HELICOPTER UNITS.

G. NON-COMBAT AIRCRAFT:

(1) FIXED WING AIRCRAFT - COLUMN (1): GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT BY UNITS NOT PRIMARILY DESIGNED OR USED FOR THE DIRECT DELIVERY OF WEAPONS.

(2) HELICOPTERS - COLUMN (M): GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF HELICOPTERS.

H. AIRFIELDS

(1) MOBS (MAIN OPERATING BASES) - COLUMN (N): GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEACETIME DEPLOYMENT AIR BASES WITH A MINIMUM RUNWAY LENGTH OF 6,000 FEET.

(2) DOBS (DEPLOYMENT OPERATING BASES) - COLUMN (O): GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEACETIME DEPLOYMENT AIR BASES WITH A MINIMUM RUNWAY OF 6,000 FEET, HAVING OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT FACILITIES TO WHICH AN EARMARKED SQUADRON OR PART OF A SQUADRON WILL DEPLOY TO OPERATE FROM IN TIME OF TENSION OR WAR.

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(3) HARD SHELTERS - COLUMN (P): GIVES ESTIMATED NUMBER OF HARD AIRCRAFT SHELTERS PER BASE.

J. WEAPON SYSTEMS

(1) SAMS (SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES) HIGH AND LOW - COLUMNS (O) AND (N): GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF CREW OPERATED SAM LAUNCHING SYSTEMS (SAM 7 NOT INCLUDED) DIFFERENTIATING AS TO WHETHER HIGH OR LOW ALTITUDE INTERCEPTORS. A STATEMENT IS TO BE MADE IN THE REMARKS COLUMN AS TO WHETHER WEAPON SYSTEM IS BEING USED TO SUPPORT AIR OR GROUND FORCES.

(2) AA WEAPONS - COLUMNS (S) AND (T): GIVES THE ESTIMATED NUMBERS OF EITHER RADAR-CONTROLLED OR NON-RADAR CONTROLLED AA WEAPONS IN UNITS.

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(3) SSMS (SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES) - COLUMN (U): GIVES ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SSM LAUNCHING SYSTEMS IN UNITS.

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